

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 210 until 2 p.m., Monday, November 16; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 3082, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs appropriations bill, as provided for under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Madam President, we have worked hard today. We have had a number of Senators go to Fort Hood. We have had a number of speeches today that were extremely good relating to Veterans Day, which is tomorrow. We had a moment of silence for the fallen at Fort Hood. And we arrived

at an agreement on a very important bill, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs bill. I am glad we were able to do that. I wish we didn't have as many amendments as we do, but we have had a number of intervening problems. Senator KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON, who represents the State of Texas, was necessarily detained in Texas. She had to be there, and we understand that. I think a number of amendments listed will be worked out with the two managers. I feel fairly confident we will not have to have all those votes. Senators should expect the next vote, as I indicated, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 16, 2009, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. REID. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate adjourn under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 210.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:09 p.m., adjourned until Monday, November 16, 2009, at 2 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

RAJIV J. SHAH, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, VICE HENRIETTA HOLSMAN FORE, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

ERIN C. CONATON, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, VICE RONALD M. SEGA, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT

DOUGLAS A. CRISCITELLO, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE JOHN W. COX, RESIGNED.

AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ANTHONY R. COSCIA, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS. (NEW POSITION)

ALBERT DICLEMENTE, OF DELAWARE, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING JULY 26, 2011, VICE R. HUNTER BIDEN.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW
COMMISSION

CYNTHIA L. ATTWOOD, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 27, 2013, VICE W. SCOTT RAILTON, TERM EXPIRED.

NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION

SANDFORD BLITZ, OF MAINE, TO BE FEDERAL CO-CHAIRPERSON OF THE NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION. (NEW POSITION)

DISCHARGED NOMINATION

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination by unanimous consent and the nomination was confirmed:

JEFFREY L. BLEICH, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO AUSTRALIA.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate, Tuesday, November 10, 2009:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JEFFREY L. BLEICH, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO AUSTRALIA.